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ICE AGENTS SEIZE BANK ACCOUNT OF NORTE DEL VALLE DRUG TRAFFICKER

NEW YORK- A bank account holding the assets of 42-year-old Jhonny Cano were seized by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) as a result of an ongoing investigation into the drug trafficking and money laundering activities of the Norte del Valle cartel.

The bank account was in the name of Marta Agudelo Castano, the wife of Cano. The assets in the account were from the sale of a condominium that was located in Miami, Florida.

ICE special agents also placed a lien on a property in Pembroke Pines, Florida that is allegedly tied to Cano's drug trafficking profits. The property is owned by Julia Agudelo, Cano's sister-in-law.

"This seizure sends the clear message to Cano and the Norte del Valle cartel that our agents are working tirelessly to find and seize assets obtained through illegal drug profits," said Martin Ficke, ICE special agent-in-charge in New York. "Our message is clear: we will not cease until we've shut down your business."

The seizure and lien are a part of ICE's ongoing investigation into the drug trafficking and money laundering of the Norte del Valle cartel and its illegal enterprises. This case is being worked jointly by ICE and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

Jhonny Cano is a fugitive and is presently under indictment on drug trafficking charges and money laundering in the U.S. District Court of the Eastern District of New York. Marta Agudelo Castano and Julia Agudelo are presently in Colombia.

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